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**Floor Statement of Rep. Henry A. Waxman**  
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**Safe Climate Caucus**  
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Mr. Speaker, my colleagues, today 22 members of the House have banded together to create the Safe Climate Caucus to end the conspiracy of silence in this House of Representatives about the dangers of climate change and the Republicans' denial of its existence and the rejection of the science.

We are committing to talk every single day on the House floor about the urgent need to address climate change.

President Obama is leading the way. He says we must respond to climate change because to do otherwise would "betray our children and future generations."

We are ready to get to work. We understand the threat facing our children. And we know our nation has the know-how and the ingenuity to avoid the worst impacts of climate change.

But to do so, we must act now.